

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-102 (Canceled)

103. **(Currently Amended)** An immunoassay test device, comprising:
a test strip comprising:
a porous sample receiving member, configured to receive a liquid sample,
a macroporous body,
a porous carrier comprising a detection zone,
a first binding reagent for binding an analyte, the first binding reagent is
immobilized in the detection zone, [and]
a labeled binding reagent comprising a particulate label portion and a
binding portion for binding the analyte[;], the labeled binding reagent is disposed in the
macroporous body in a dry state and is mobilizable by liquid that passes along a flow path,
and
the labeled binding reagent and the first binding reagent are configured to bind the
analyte and to form an immobilized and directly-detectable product in the detection zone,
if the analyte is present in liquid received by the sample receiving member;
wherein,
~~[the sample receiving member is configured to receive a liquid,]~~
the test strip defines a flow path along which liquid received by the sample
receiving member can pass to the macroporous body and thereafter to the porous carrier[;]
~~[prior to use, the labeled binding reagent is disposed in a dry state in the~~
~~macroporous body and is mobilizable by liquid that passes along the flow path, and~~
~~the labeled binding reagent and the first binding reagent are configured to~~
~~bind the analyte and to form an immobilized and directly-detectable product in the~~
~~detection zone, if the analyte is present in liquid received by the sample receiving~~
~~member].~~

104. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 103, wherein the porous carrier comprises nitrocellulose.
105. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 104, wherein the porous carrier is a nitrocellulose strip.
106. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 104, wherein the test strip further comprises a backing layer of moisture impermeable material configured to support the porous carrier.
107. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 106, wherein the moisture impermeable material is a strip of plastic material.
108. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 104, wherein the macroporous body is a porous plastic body.
109. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 104, wherein the immunoassay test device is an immunoassay test device for determining pregnancy in a human female.
110. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 109, wherein the first binding reagent is capable of specifically binding the analyte.
111. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 110, wherein the analyte is human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG).
112. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 109, wherein the liquid that can pass from the macroporous body to the porous carrier can pass to a location of the porous carrier that is separated from the detection zone.
113. **(Canceled)**
114. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 109, wherein the particulate label portion comprises a colored particle.
115. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 114, wherein the colored particle is a latex particle.

116. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 115, wherein the porous carrier is a nitrocellulose strip.
117. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 104, wherein the macroporous body and the porous carrier are made of different materials.
118. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 103, wherein the macroporous body is in direct contact with the sample receiving member and with the porous carrier.
119. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 118, wherein the macroporous body only contacts the porous carrier at a location of the porous carrier that is separated from the detection zone.
120. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 103, wherein the particulate label portion comprises a colored particle.
121. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 120, wherein the colored particle is a latex particle.
122. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 121, wherein the immunoassay test device is an immunoassay test device for determining pregnancy in a human female.
123. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 122, wherein the first binding reagent is capable of specifically binding the analyte.
124. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 123, wherein the analyte is human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG).
125. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 121, wherein the macroporous body and the porous carrier are made of different materials.
126. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 121, wherein the porous carrier comprises nitrocellulose.

127. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 121, wherein the test strip further comprises a backing layer of moisture impermeable material configured to support the porous carrier.

128. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 121, wherein the liquid that can pass from the macroporous body to the porous carrier can pass to a location of the porous carrier that is separated from the detection zone.

129. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 103, wherein the device comprises a housing, and only a portion of the sample receiving member resides within the housing.

130. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 129, wherein all of the macroporous body resides within the housing.

131. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 130, wherein the porous carrier comprises nitrocellulose.

132. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 131, wherein the porous carrier is a nitrocellulose strip.

133. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 129, wherein the macroporous body and the porous carrier are made of different materials.

134. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 129, wherein the porous carrier is a nitrocellulose strip.

135. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 134, wherein the test strip further comprises a backing layer of moisture impermeable material configured to support the porous carrier.

136. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 129, wherein the particulate label portion comprises a colored particle.

137. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 136, wherein the colored particle is a latex particle.

138. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 129, wherein the liquid that can pass from the macroporous body to the porous carrier can pass to a location of the porous carrier that is separated from the detection zone.

139. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 137, wherein the immunoassay test device is an immunoassay test device for determining pregnancy in a human female.

140. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 139, wherein the first binding reagent is capable of specifically binding the analyte.

141. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 140, wherein the analyte is human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG).

142. **(Canceled)**

143. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 129, wherein the test strip defines a major axis and a length along the major axis of the sample receiving member is greater than a length along the major axis of the macroporous body.

144. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 104, wherein the test strip defines a major axis and a length along the major axis of the sample receiving member is greater than a length along the major axis of the macroporous body.

145. **(Currently Amended)** An immunoassay test device, comprising:
a test strip comprising:

a porous sample receiving member, configured to receive a liquid sample,

a macroporous body,

a porous nitrocellulose carrier comprising a detection zone,

a first binding reagent capable of specifically binding a gonadotropin

compound, the first binding agent is immobilized in the detection zone, [and]

a labeled binding reagent comprising a colored particulate label portion and a binding portion for the gonadotropin compound[;], disposed in the macroporous body in a dry state and is mobilizable by liquid that passes along a flow path, and

the labeled binding reagent and the first binding reagent are configured to bind the gonadotropin compound and to form an immobilized and directly-detectable product in the detection zone, if the gonadotropin compound is present in liquid received by the sample receiving member;

wherein,

~~[the sample receiving member is configured to receive a liquid,]~~

the test strip defines a flow path along which liquid received by the sample receiving member can pass to the macroporous body and thereafter to the porous nitrocellulose carrier at a location separated from the detection zone~~[-and]~~

~~[prior to use, the labeled binding reagent is disposed in a dry state in the macroporous body and is mobilizable by liquid that passes along the flow path, and
the labeled binding reagent and the first binding reagent are configured to bind the gonadotropin compound and to form an immobilized and directly-detectable product in the detection zone, if the gonadotropin compound is present in liquid received by the sample receiving member].~~

146. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 145, wherein the gonadotropin compound is human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG).

147. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 145, wherein the device comprises a housing, and only a portion of the sample receiving member resides within the housing and all of the macroporous body resides within the housing.

148. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 147, wherein all of the macroporous body resides within the housing.

149. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 145, wherein the test strip defines a major axis and a length along the major axis of the sample receiving member is greater than a length along the major axis of the macroporous body.

150. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 145, wherein the colored particulate label portion comprises a latex particle.

151. **(Currently Amended)** An immunoassay test device, comprising:
a test strip comprising:
a porous sample receiving member, configured to receive a liquid sample,
a macroporous body,
a porous carrier comprising a detection zone, and
a first binding reagent for binding an analyte or an analogue thereof,
a labeled reagent comprising a particulate label portion and the analyte or
the analogue thereof[;], the labeled reagent is disposed in the macroporous body in a dry
state and is mobilizable by liquid that passes along a flow path, and

the labeled binding reagent and the first binding reagent are configured to
form an immobilized and directly-detectable product in the detection zone,
wherein,
~~[the sample receiving member is configured to receive a liquid,]~~
the test strip defines a flow path along which liquid received by the sample
receiving member can pass to the macroporous body and thereafter to the porous carrier[,]
~~[prior to use, the labeled binding reagent is disposed in a dry state in the~~
~~macroporous body and is mobilizable by liquid that passes along the flow path, and~~
~~the labeled binding reagent and the first binding reagent are configured to~~
~~form an immobilized and directly-detectable product in the detection zone].~~
152. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 151, wherein
the macroporous body and the porous carrier are made of different materials.
153. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 152, wherein
the porous carrier comprises nitrocellulose.
154. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 153, wherein
the porous carrier is a nitrocellulose strip.
155. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 153, wherein
the macroporous body is a plastic body.

156. **(Canceled)**

157. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 147, wherein the particulate label portion comprises a colored particle.

158. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 157, wherein the particulate label portion comprises a latex particle.

159. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 158, wherein the carrier comprises nitrocellulose.

160. **(Previously Presented)** The immunoassay test device of claim 159, wherein the porous carrier is a nitrocellulose strip..

161. **(Canceled)**